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LETTER

To the KINGS most  
Excellent Majesty

FROM

The Commons of ENGLAND  
Assembled in Parliament,  
IN

ANSWER

Of His MAJESTIES Gracious LETTER  
to that House.



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Most Royal SOVERAIGN,



**E** your Majesties most  
Loyal Subjects, the Com-  
mons of England Assem-  
bled in Parliament, do  
with all humbleness, pre-  
sent unto your Majesty,  
the unfained thankfulness

of our hearts, for those gracious expressions  
of piety, and goodness, and love, to Us, and  
the Nations under your Dominion, which  
your Majesties Letter of 4. of April, dated  
from Breda, together with the Declaration  
enclosed in it, of the same date, do so evident-  
ly containe, for which we do in the first place  
look up to the great King of Kings, and  
bless his Name, who hath put these  
thoughtes into the heart of our King, to  
make him Glorious in the eyes of his peo-  
ple, as those great Deliberances, which that  
Divine Majesty hath afforded unto your  
Royal Person from many dangers, and the  
Support which he hath given unto your  
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heroick,



heroick, and Princely minde, under various  
Trials, make it appeare to all the world  
that you are Precious in his sight.

And give us leave to say, That as your  
Majesty is pleased to Declare, your Confi-  
dence in Parliaments, your Esteem of them,  
and this your judgement and Character of  
them, That they are so necessary for the Govern-  
ment of the Kingdom, that neither Prince, nor peo-  
ple can be in any tolerable Degree happy, without  
them; and therefore say, That you will hearken  
unto their Counsels, be tender of their Priviledges,  
and careful to preserve, and Protect them: So we  
trust, and will with all humility be bold to  
affirm, That your Majesty shall not be De-  
ceived in us, and that we will never Depart  
from that liberty, wherby we owe unto your  
Majesty, that seat which we bear unto your  
Majesty, and a constant endeavour to  
advance your Honor, and Greatness.

And we beseech your Majesty we may  
add this further for the vindication of Par-  
liaments, and even of the last Parliament,  
Convened under your Royal Father of hap-  
py Memory; When (as your Majesty well  
observes) through mistakes, and misunderstand-  
ings, many inconveniencies were produced, which  
were not intended: That those very Incon-  
veniencies could not have been brought upon  
us by those persons, who had designed them  
without first violating the Parliament it  
self; for they well knew, it was not possible  
to do a violence to that Sacred Person,  
whilst the Parliament which had vowed,  
and Covenanted for the Defence, and safety  
of that Person remained entire. Surely Sir,  
as

as the persons of our Kings have ever been  
Dear unto Parliaments; so we cannot  
think of that horrid Act, committed against  
the precious Life of Our late Sovereign,  
with such a detestation, and abhorren-  
ce as we must needs to express it.

And next to wishing it had never been, we  
wish it may never be remembered by your  
Majesty, to be unto you an occasion of sor-  
row, as it will never be remembered by us,  
but with that grief, and trouble of mind,  
which it deserves being the greatest reproach  
that ever was incurred, by any of the Eng-  
lish Nation, an offence to all the Protestant  
Churches abroad, and a scandal to the pro-  
fession of the truth of Religion here at  
home; though both Profession, and true  
Professors, and the Nation it self, as well as  
the Parliament, were most innocent of it,  
having been only the contrivance, and Act  
of some few ambitious, and bloody persons,  
and such others, as by their influence were  
moved.

And as we hope, and pray, That God will  
not impute the guilt of it, nor of all the evil  
consequences thereof unto the Land, whose  
Divine Justice never withholdes the guiltless  
with the guilty, so we cannot but give due  
praise to your Majesty's goodness, who are  
pleased to entertain such reconciled, and re-  
conciling thoughts; and with them, not  
only inter, but as it were prevent your  
Parliament and People, proposing your  
Self, in a great measure, and inviting  
the Parliament to consider further, and ad-  
vise your Majesty, what may be necessary,



to restore the Nation to what it hath lost, raise up again the Banks and Fences of it, and make the Kingdoms happy, by the advancement of Religion, the securing of our Laws, Liberties, and Estates, and the removing of all Jealousies and Antimoties, which may render our Peace less certain, and durable, wherein your Majesty gives a large evidence of your great wisdom, Judging aright, that after so high a distemper, and such an universal shaking of the very Foundations, great care must be had to repair the Breaches, and much circumspection and industry used, to provide things necessary for the strengthening of those Repairs, and preventing whatsoever may disturb, and weaken them.

We shall immediately apply our selves to the preparing of these things, and in a very short time, we hope, be able to present them unto your Majesty; And for the present do, with all humble thankfulness, acknowledge your Grace, and favor, in assuring us of your Royal Concurrence with us, and saying, That we shall not expect any thing from you, but what you will be as ready to give, as we to receive. And we cannot doubt of your Majesties effectual performance, since your own Princely Judgement hath prompted unto you the necessity of Doing such things, and your piety, and goodness hath carried you to a free tender of them to your faithful Parliament.

We speak, as a Gracious King, and we will do what befits, Dutiful, Loving, and Royal Subjects, who are yet more engaged to

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to Honor, and highly Esteem your Majesty,  
for Your Desiring (as you are pleased to say)  
all Forraign assistance, and rather trust to your people,  
who, we do assure your Majesty, will,  
and do open their Armes, and their hearts  
to receive you, and will spare neither their  
Estates, nor their lives, when your service  
shall require it of them.

And we have yet more cause to enlarge  
our praises, and our prayers to God for your  
Majesty, that you have continued unshaken  
in your Faith, That neither the temptation  
of allurements, perswasions, and promises,  
from seducing Papists on the one hand, nor  
the persecution, and hard usage from some  
seduced, and misguided Professors of the  
Protestant Religion, on the other hand,  
could at all prevail upon your Majesty to  
make you forsake the Rock of Israel, the  
God of your fathers, the true Protestant  
Religion, in which your Majesty hath been  
bred; but you have still been as a Rock your  
self, firm to your Covenant with you, and  
our God, even now expressing your zeal, and  
affection for the Protestant Religion; and  
your care, and study for the propagation  
thereof: This hath been a rejoycing of heart  
to all the faithful of the Land, and an assu-  
rance to them, that God would not forsake  
you, but after many trials, which should  
but make you more precious, as gold out of  
the fire, restore your Majesty unto your Pa-  
trimony, and people, with more Splendor,  
and Dignity, and make you the Glory of  
Kings, and the Joy of your Subjects,  
which is, and shall ever be the prayer of your



His most Loyal Subjects, the Commons of England assembled in Parliament, do hereby certify that the following Order, made in the Name of your Majesty and the Commons of England assembled in Parliament, is hereby published by the Order, made in the Name of your Majesty and the Commons of England assembled in Parliament.

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